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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tomohisa ARAI et al.

Title: GIANT MAGNETOSTRICTIVE
MATERIAL AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREOF, AND
MAGNETOSTRICTIVE
ACTUATOR AND
MAGNETOSTRICTIVE SENSOR
THEREWITH

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please amend the application as follows: